

AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. A container adapted to contain a water based or solvent based formulation, the container including
 - an anti-skinning layer located on at least a portion of the internal surface of the container, wherein the anti-skinning layer is capable of retaining a layer of the formulation.
2. A container according to claim 1, wherein the anti-skinning layer substantially maintains the water or solvent concentration of any of the water or solvent based formulation retained on the anti-skinning layer.
3. A container according to claim 1 or claim 2 in which the anti-skinning layer is textured.
4. A container according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the anti-skinning layer is porous, fibrous, filamentous, a gauze or foam lining.
5. A container according to any one of claims 1 to 4 in which the anti-skinning layer additionally has insulative properties.
6. A container according to any one of claims 1 to 5 in which the anti-skinning layer is integrally moulded or adhered onto the internal surface of the container.
7. A container according to any one of claims 1 to 6 in which the anti-skinning layer is thermally bonded onto the internal surface of the container.

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- 8 A container according to any one of claims 1 to 7 in which the container is adapted to contain approximately 10 ml to 50,000 litres of formulation.
- 5 9 A container according to any one of claims 1 to 8 in which the water based or solvent based formulation is a formulation prone to skinning.
- 10 10 A container according to claim 9 in which the formulation prone to skinning is a latex based paint, an alkyd paint, a flat, a satin, a semi-gloss or a gloss paint, a varnish, a lacquer, a glue or resin such as PVA™, a resin emulsion or a water based ink.
- 15 11 A container adapted to contain a water based or solvent based formulation, including
 a container sealing means including an anti-skinning layer located on at least a portion of the internal surface of the sealing means, wherein the anti-skinning layer is capable of retaining a layer of the formulation.
- 20 12 A container according to claim 11 wherein the anti-skinning layer substantially maintains the water or solvent concentration of any of the water or solvent based formulation retained on the anti-skinning layer.
- 25 13 A container according to claim 11 or claim 12, in which the anti-skinning layer substantially covers the internal surface of the sealing means.
- 30 14 A container according to any one of claims 11 to 13 in which the anti-skinning layer is textured.
- 15 A container according to any one of claim 11 to 14, in which the anti-

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skinning layer is porous, fibrous, filamentous, a gauze or foam lining.

16 A container containing according to any one of claims 11 to 15 in which the anti-skinning layer has insulative properties.

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17 A container according to any one of claims 11 to 16 in which the anti-skinning layer is integrally moulded or adhered onto the container sealing means.

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18 A container according to any one of claims 11 to 17 in which the anti-skinning layer is thermally bonded onto the internal surface of the container.

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19 A container according to any one of claims 11 to 18 in which the container is adapted to contain approximately 10 ml to 50,000 litres of formulation.

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20 A container according to any one of claims 11 to 19 in which the sealing means is a resealable lid.

21 A container according to any one of claims 11 to 20 in which the water based or solvent based formulation is prone to skinning.

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22 A container according to claim 21 in which the formulation prone to skinning is a latex based paint, an alkyd paint, a flat, a satin, a semi-gloss or a gloss paint, a varnish, a lacquer, a glue or resin such as PVA™, a resin emulsion or a water based ink.

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23 A container according to any one of claims 11 to 22, in which the container includes a second anti-skinning layer extending about at least a portion of the internal surface of the container and the formulation.

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- 5 31 A sealing means adapted to substantially control skinning of water based or solvent based formulations, in which the sealing means includes an anti-skinning layer, in which the layer is located on at least a portion of the inner surface of the sealing means, wherein the anti-skinning layer, when in use on a container adapted to contain a water-based or solvent based formulation, is capable of retaining a layer of the formulation.
- 10 32 A sealing means according to claim 31 wherein the anti-skinning layer substantially maintains the water or solvent concentration of any of the water or solvent based formulation retained on the anti-skinning layer.
- 15 33 A sealing means according to claim 31 or claim 32 in which the anti-skinning layer is textured.
- 20 34 A sealing means according to any one of claims 31 to 33 in which the anti-skinning layer is porous, fibrous, filamentous, a gauze or foam lining.
- 25 35 A sealing means according to any one of claims 31 to 34 in which the anti-skinning layer has insulative properties.
- 30 36 A sealing means according to any one of claims 31 to 35 in which the anti-skinning layer is approximately 0.001 mm to 5 cm thick.
- 37 A sealing means according to any one of claims 31 to 36 in which the anti-skinning layer is integrally moulded or adhered onto the internal surface of the sealing means.

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- 38 A sealing means according to any one of claims 31 to 37 in which the anti-skinning layer is thermally bonded onto the internal surface of the sealing means.
- 5 39 A sealing means according to any one of claims 31 to 38 in which the anti-skinning layer covers substantially the entire surface area of the internal surface of the sealing means.
- 10 40 A sealing means according to any one of claims 31 to 39, in which the sealing means is a resealable lid.
- 15 41 A container including a sealing means, in which the container is adapted to contain a formulation prone to skinning wherein at least a portion of the internal surface of the container in proximity with the ullage space of the container has a means capable of retaining a layer of the formulation.
- 20 42 A container according to claim 41 wherein said means substantially maintains the water or solvent concentration of the layer of formulation retained.
- 25 43 A container according to claim 41 or claim 42 in which the means is an anti-skinning layer from 0.001 to 5 mm thick.
- 30 44 A container according to any one of claims 41 to 43 in which the anti-skinning layer substantially covers the internal surface of the sealing means.
- 45 A container according to claim 41 or claim 44 in which the anti-skinning layer is textured.
- 46 A container according to any one of claims 41 to 45 in which the

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anti-skinning layer is porous, fibrous, filamentous, a gauze or foam lining.

47 A container according to any one of claims 41 to 46 in which the anti-skinning layer has insulative properties.

48 A container according to any one of claims 41 to 47 in which the anti-skinning layer is integrally moulded or adhered to the internal surface of the sealing means.

49 A container according to any one of claims 41 to 48, in which the anti-skinning layer is selected from a group consisting of woven or unwoven polyolefin cloth or gauze, artificial grass matting and glass fibre felt.

50 A container according to claim 49 wherein the layer is thermally bonded to a plastics sealing means.

51 A container according to claim 50 wherein the plastics sealing means is a resealable lid.

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